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1. Claims 1-27 are presented for examination. Claims 21-27 are newly added.

Claims 1, 13 and 20 are independent.

2. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

In claim 10, "said parameters" lacks antecedent basis.

Claim 10 is objected to in this Office Action.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record, including Applicant's admitted prior art. Claim 1 recites a method comprising the following steps:

generating a preview window of scanned original, the preview window including a profile of at least one of the one or more objects of the original, the profile defining a confined area of the preview window,

receiving a selection of at least one profile included in the preview window, determining a scan area based on at least in part on the selection, and

scanning the scan area.

This combination of limitations with other limitation(s) of claim 1 is not taught by the prior art of record.

Claims 2-12 depend on claim 1.

Claim 13 recites a method similar to that of claim 1. Specifically, the method comprising the following steps:

generating a preview window of the scanned original that comprises one or more objects, the preview window including a profile of at least one of the one or more objects, the profile defining a confined area of the preview window and corresponding to a location of a respective object of the original,

defining a scan area to include at least a portion of the one or more object, and scanning the scan area.

This combination of limitations is not taught by the prior art of record.

Claims 14-19 depend on claim 13.

Claim 20 claims a scanner corresponding to the method of claim 1, up to the step of "receiving a selection of at least one profile included in said preview window". A combination of the limitations of claim 20 is not taught by the prior art of record.

Claims 21-27 depend on claim 20.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheukfan Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7407. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on (571) 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Cheukfan Lee
June 8, 2006

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